Mr. Jon Plebani, staff director for
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Dear Mr. Plebani,

Nasty leaking is both an art and a science of the FBI. Although I've not been able to do any recent work on this, as the result of countless Freedom Of Information Act lawsuits I've obtained perhaps a third of a million pages of records and have pretty well put together how it is done and how it is hidden and how it is lied about.

Also how they plant stories and who in the past did it, what functionaries, how it is deniable and denied.

If there should be a prosecution then under discovery the Congressman would be entitled to all relevant records. If there is not, they could and based on experience they would be withheld under FOIA. They are within the exemption for pending prosecutions.

They have it contrived so they can make what appears to be a diligent search when they haven't and they report no such relevant records exist. If they do, to my knowledge, which is not current for the past few years because of my health, in FBIHQ these things would be (mis)filed in the 94 classification, which is for "Research Matters." The FBI field offices use the 80 classification, which is for "Laboratory Research Matters" that, in the field offices, are actually filed in the "main" file of any investigation. They also hide in tickles and the divisions' files.

When it wants to hide surveillances, particularly electronic, the FBI (mis) files them as what is called an "admat," for "Administrative Matters," No. 65.

I fear the Republicans plan to "Willie Horton" the Congress.

We wish Congressman Gray the best and hope he can somehow turn this rotten business around. The Congress, for which my wife and I both worked in the 1930s, needs more like him.

p.s. Please excuse my typing. I must sit with thentypewriter to the side, with my legs elevated.

Sincerely,

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